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Emblems As Protection

Peiping, Apr. 27. The slaying of a Chinese boy by an American Marine depot guard, who took him to be a looter, and the death of three children through the explosion of a Marine artillery shell, have prompted villagers in the western suburbs of Peiping to take occult defensive measures.

Parents are stitching lucky emblems on the clothes of their young sons and daughters, according to reports in the Chinese press. Boys are protected from calamity by the emblem of a green tortoise—symbol of longevity—and girls by that of a yellow rabbit.

These emblems are considered equally efficacious against the evil designs of a certain old witch who, according to a village rumour, is roaming the locality.—United Press.

ALARM IN RUHR

Herford, Apr. 27. Alarm over the food situation was growing in the Ruhr today as reports spread around cities that even the reduced weekly bread ration of 1,500 grammes would not be met in full during the next seven-day period.

The ration had recently been cut

from 2,500 grammes as the result of the gap in the arrival of shipments from the United States and a breakdown of local supplies. No confirmation of further cuts could be obtained from official sources.

"Workers are growing more and more desperate as the days go by without any sign of improvement," a highly competent German source declared. "The stage has been reached where official British announcements are regarded as 'just ridiculous' and when the authorities say one thing, the people are often inclined to believe just the opposite."

A Military Government announcement today described the food situation as "poor throughout the North Rhine-Westphalia region"—provinces which include the Ruhr and Rhine-land—and admitted that of the meat ration only 50 per cent had been honoured in the past week.

Reports circulated in the highest British and German quarters last week that a new wave of food strikers and demonstrations were likely in the Ruhr are no longer persistent.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Palestine Problem

There is no world shortage of sympathy for legitimate Jewish aspirations in Palestine, but these are daily being jeopardised and thrown into disrepute by the activities of terrorist gangs. These blood-thirsty revolutionaries who make no pretence of their contempt for law and order, have apparently adopted the fatuous philosophy that terrorism will accomplish more for them than reason and negotiation; that intimidation is a rod calculated to break any back. It is a theory that history has exploded time and again. The intransigent attitude of the Jewish underground is difficult to appreciate. It appears to be based on the notion that once the hated English mandarins are out of the way, everything in the Garden of Eden will once again be lovely; forgetting that the fundamental problem of Palestine is the incompatibility of Jews and Arabs as near neighbours. So intensive have been the anti-British activities of the Jewish terror gangs during past weeks that the real issue of the Palestine problem has become lost; and this has been emphasised by the quiescence of the Arab League which has stood by and watched the struggle between British rule and Jewish anarchy. This week the Palestine dispute goes before the General Assembly of the United Nations—certainly not for Britain who has already indicated that she feels the time has arrived for her to

PALESTINE REIGN OF TERROR TO CONTINUE

No Truce While UN Deliberate

TAIAN LOST TO REDS, REPORT

Reverse For Chinese Govt. Forces

Nanking, Apr. 28. Chinese official sources today declined to confirm the dispatches published in the *Hsin Min Pao* that the Communists have stormed and captured Tainan, a railroad city 35 miles south of Tsinan. One official source said the report "appears likely."

The loss of this key point on the Tientsin-Pukow railroad would be a severe blow to government prestige as well as a demonstration against the pro-Government claims that Chiang Yi's Shantung Army had completely encircled Shantung.

The *Hsin Min Pao* dispatch dated from Shanghai quoted reports from Shuchow without confirmation that Tainan fell to the Communists after only a month's occupation by the Government.

ANOTHER REPORT

Another *Hsin Min Pao* dispatch from Tsinan reported that the Red Army stormed into Tainan on the evening of April 23 killing most of the division garrison troops during the night long street fighting.

Whether the Communist assault troops infiltrated past the Government regulars east of Tainan or have defeated these forces before attacking the city is not clear from field dispatches.

It is known that General Wang Yu-chu's 12th and 90th armies as well as General Tang En Po's 85th army have troops in Tainan. There is a possibility that these regulars have left Peace Preservation units to garrison Tainan while they pursued the Communists into the mountains of Central Shantung, permitting the Communists to infiltrate into their rear in sufficient strength to storm the city walls.

The loss of Tainan would smash the land communications between Nanking and Tainan, and would break the contact between the forces directed from Tsinan and Hauchow base.—United Press.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang, now operating under a single command, announced in pamphlets today that they had no intention of observing a truce while the United Nations studied the Palestine question.

"The struggle goes on," said one Stern Gang pamphlet distributed in Tel-Aviv.

The announcement came as Palestine had its first quiet day since April 16, when Dov Gruner and his three Irgun comrades were hanged, but tension increased in proportion to diminishing interest in United Nations action.

There also was little interest in the anti-extremist campaign started by five Hebrew morning newspapers, *Davar*, *Haaretz*, *Mishmar*, *Hazofe* and *Kil-Haam*. The papers published 10,000 words of quotations from Jewish leaders, condemning terrorism.

British observers were not optimistic over the Jewish Agency plans to launch another "educational" anti-extremist campaign. Most thought it came too late.

Reports that the Jewish Agency had offered to place at the Government's disposal special Hagana armed patrol to help suppress extremism were denied. Such an offer had neither made nor refused, as was published abroad.

One well-informed source said he believed the imposition of a "controlled areas" siege on Jewish sections affected by extremism was approaching.—United Press.

SAME OLD COMPLAINT

Jerusalem, Apr. 27. The Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, in a statement issued tonight, said: "There will be no peace in Palestine, in the Middle East or in the world until the British occupation regime in Palestine and Trans-Jordan is abolished and the British forces in these countries are withdrawn."

The statement was issued to the press on the eve of the United Nations' special session, which is scheduled to begin.

"Britain is going to the United Nations—organisation only—for new international approval of her rule in Palestine," the statement added.

Unsigned pamphlets, printed in the Arabic language, were distributed today in Jaffa, an Arab town near the All-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, calling on Arabs to "co-operate with Jews against British imperialism in Palestine."

Meanwhile, the Palestine Government tonight warned the mayor of Tel-Aviv not to further terrorist thefts of Post Office vans anywhere in Palestine would be followed by the total suspension of postal and telegraph facilities in Tel-Aviv.

The Tel-Aviv municipal council protested against the Government warning and stated that it could not be responsible for the security of Post Office vehicles throughout Palestine.—Reuter.

EMIR FAISAL ARRIVES

New York, Apr. 27. Emir Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, and second son of King Abdul Ibn Saud, arrived in New York by air today to attend the special session of the General Assembly opening tomorrow to study the question of Palestine.

He was accompanied by a party of eight—members of his delegation, advisers and bodyguards.

Emir Faisal declined to make any statement on the Palestine issue; but referred reporters to Azzam Pasha, General Secretary of the Arab League, who is attending the session as an observer.

Azzam Pasha said: "In this world, if you are not selfish and believe in democratic principles, you will find a solution. We intend to be unselfish and humane."

Three members of the Palestine Assembly is confronting by one of its most delicate tasks—bringing together two states with diametrically opposed aspirations. The hope of compromise is slender, while any swift decision in favour of one party guarantees open warfare. The third alternative is the establishment of an international mandatory body, which would probably be just as objectionable to the Jewish extremists who want Palestine as a national home—and nothing short of this will placate them. Russia, such a ready critic of British rule in Palestine, has a fine chance of displaying the quality of her statesmanship over this issue.

New York, Apr. 27. The Big Five Powers today formed a solid front against the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, of going back a quarter of the way to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Churchill was replying in a statement to the press, to Mr Attlee's charge before the Scottish Trades Union Congress on Friday that Mr Churchill had been Britain's most disastrous Chancellor of the Exchequer of the century.

Mr Churchill was replying in a statement to the press, to Mr Attlee's charge before the Scottish Trades Union Congress on Friday that Mr Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, and Mr Attlee, his wartime deputy and peace-time successor, Mr Churchill had started it all with a bitter attack on the Labour Government's policies early last week before the Primrose League.

Diplomats and Palestine experts from throughout the world are here for the opening session at 11 a.m. on Monday in the General Assembly Hall at Flushing Meadows.

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AN ASTROLOGER DOES SOME FORECASTING

London, Apr. 27.

Leonardo Blake, astrologer who claims to have predicted the correct date of the German invasion of Poland, peered into the future today and forecast:

Whether was can be prevented over Russia's policy toward Germany will become clear this summer. Some "tragic events" will befall Britain's Royal Family in August, when King George will be the centre of the "most critical constellations".

A situation will arise in a matter of weeks, when Mr Winston Churchill, or, at least, his policies, will have a triumphant comeback.

Blake told his prediction to the Sunday Pictorial in an interview headed: "Well, Mr Blake, Let's Wait and See."

The Pictorial said Blake produced evidence to support his claim that he not only had forecast the correct date of the invasion of Poland, but had predicted Nazi purge of 1934, the downfall of Hitler and Mussolini and the mysterious disappearance of Hitler's body. His book, "Hitler's Last Year of Power," created a stir in 1939.—United Press.

Waiting For Better Weather

BOAC Flying-Boat Still At Hoihow

The Hongkong office of BOAC was still awaiting news this morning concerning the departure of the BOAC flying-boat from the United Kingdom which had to spend Saturday night riding the sea off Hainan and yesterday anchored off Hoihow.

Bad weather prevented the aircraft from landing at Kai Tak on Saturday. Latest reports state that the aircraft and passengers are quite safe and that it only requires improvement in the weather for it to resume and complete its flight to Hongkong.

The London-bound BOAC flying-boat which had to turn back to Hongkong yesterday owing to technical trouble took off for England this morning, with Bangkok its first port of call.

The aircraft carried Lieutenant H. C. Robertson and the General Officer Commanding, Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, both of whom were on their way home to take part in an Imperial College conference called by Field Marshal Montgomery.

NEW FAR EAST CHIEF

London, Apr. 28. BOAC announced on Sunday that Mr John Brander, General Manager of the British European Airways Corporation, is to become manager of the Eastern Division of the British Overseas Airways Corporation on June 1.

Mr Brander who is 30, is a son of Sir Sefton Brander, former Director-General of Aviation, who was killed in the R101 crash of 1930. He will be in charge of the Far East, Indian and Australian runs of BOAC.

He served in Cairo, Kisumu and Nairobi as area manager for Central Africa of the Imperial Airways. Soon after the formation of BOAC he became regional director for India and Burma.—Associated Press.

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Women This Space Every Day

BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Dorothy Day for Lois Leeds

Here are tips on the ways and means to Charm.

STAR SHINE!

Radio has many women's programmes that just miss that human touch, that chatty, charm which women who listen feel at once. Dorothy Day, who does her morning radio interviews over WINS in New York, is a bright spot for women. Dorothy has a nice way of bringing out the best in her guests. She is interested in what they have to tell her audience. She selects her guests because of their achievements, then she brings them out!

Dorothy is a handsome blonde, much addicted to hats. She wears to work what she calls a conservative hat. Then she pulls out a mad one to wear to luncheons and parties which she attends to pick up news and pass it on to you.

That's a smart idea for any career woman. Follow Dorothy Day's idea and wear basic dresses or jacket suits in rich colours, then pull out of a box a hat which is gay and "mad"—that sets up a new look. Dorothy also adds earrings to highlight her hat.

In the evening, on her Cross Roads Cafe programme, she carries out her idea of simple clothes and stunning hats and accessories. It's a sure thing that Dorothy Day

polishes her own "Star Shine" and lets it reflect brightly!

Blue! Blue is causing a sensation in the Hollywood fashion world. It's the one colour that men love, so you can't go wrong!

Jo Stafford is wearing a new dress in Electric Blue satin and she is harmonising her makeup to complement the dress.

Constance Moore is wearing Silver and Blue for evening and what could be lovelier?

So don't overlook Blue when you get ready to Shine!

A Montgomery From France

Woman of wit and beauty visiting London was Mme. Bethouart. She is the wife of General Emile Bethouart, French High Commissioner for Austria, who wins over for the peace talks.

Before her marriage last year Mme. Bethouart was Countess "Minou" Montgomery. She has auburn hair, green eyes, an ebullient personality and possesses many fine jewels.

Before the war she founded and ran Paris's best-known woman's paper, Marie-Claire. The editors of the successful Paris-Soir drew freely on her advice. She has an interest in a vermouth firm, but neither smokes, nor drinks. Her favourite occupation: conversation.

Mme. Bethouart speaks excellent English. In Paris she is a close friend of Mr. Duff Cooper, our Ambassador, and Lady Diana; she coached them in the words of La Marseillaise before an official ceremony in Normandy.

In London her friends include Lady Curzon, Lady Abingdon, Admiral C. S. Holland and Cecil Beaton.

Mme. Bethouart can claim, decent from the French side of Lord Montgomery's family. Her Normandy home bears plaques with citations from the King, Eisenhower and Roosevelt.

She and her daughter concealed scores of Allied officers and men. They all signed her guest book. Once a German approached the book ostensibly to sign. Mme. Bethouart snatched it away.

"Not until you are my guest," she said.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've lost 30 pounds walking since my old car broke down. I feel so wonderful you can cancel my order for that now. One you said I might get by next Christmas!"

Germans In Soviet Zone Afraid Of Russians

BY D. I. CLARK
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Germans behind the Soviet zone's "iron curtain" are afraid of the Russians, but the average German who is pinned down to facts will admit that the conduct of Soviet occupation troops in the past year has been "quite correct."

This is the conclusion of this correspondent after a five-day tour of the northern part of the Russian zone—the first extended tour granted by the Soviets in seven months.

I found no reign of terror. People eat, work and play just as they do in the American zone, but most Germans dislike and fear the Russians. Germans resent any occupation force. They have been taught to hate and fear the Russians through 12 years of Hitlerism. Some drunken and some criminal elements in the Soviet army, heighten their fears.

There are rumours of Germans disappearing, but I found no concrete evidence of it.

"It is not safe to travel alone at night," a policeman in Stralsund whispered. The difficulty came, he admitted, from drunken soldiers who occasionally beat and rob Germans.

Air Thick With Rumours

"Oh, these Russians!" a woman in a youth dance commented in exasperation. Asked to specify her complaints, she said: "Well, their conduct has been quite correct, but they sometimes walk into dances like this, and if you don't have your identity papers they lock you up all night."

As in other zones, the air is thick with rumour but little proof is offered. A responsible official in Stralsund said two fishermen disappeared recently, presumably seized by the Russians. It was his belief they had been sent to Wismarnde to repair Russian vessels and would be allowed to return when the job was done.

MUSSOLINI TREASURE CONFESSION

Milan.—The mystery of Mussolini's treasure, which disappeared after the Duce's capture, has been partially cleared. A partisan confessed he excreted five suitcases and three sacks of gold and currency to the Communist Party Headquarters in Milan. He also claims secret documents, gathered by Mussolini to defend Italy at the peace conference, were consigned to a Russian mission and taken to Moscow.

HIGH PRESSURE ADVERTISING

Turin.—A Turin printer was arrested for forging £55,000 worth of Swiss banknotes. He told police he only printed them as an advertisement for a Swiss firm. Said the police: "Too many firms have mistaken the advertisement for money."

ONLY TWELVE MEN

Paris.—A man weighing a ton was caught in the Gulf of Gabes, off the Tunisian coast. Twelve men were required to lift him. It has been sent to an oceanographic institute.

RATIONED BREATH

New York.—A butcher named Jack Hanna, who wanted to be the first American tourist to Britain, returned to Brooklyn. Things are deplorable over there, he said. "I never got warm from the time I left the Queen Elizabeth. Everything is controlled and restricted. A coupon is needed for everything. I almost felt I needed a coupon to breathe."

DEAD DRUNK

Madrid.—Julie Luis, a student, made a bet with some friends that he could drink three full bottles of neat brandy, one after the other, and "feel the better for it." He did. He stood up. He fell dead.

ALL IS FAIR?

Paris.—Denise Soudry lives in a suburb of Paris. A bulky parcel was delivered to her home and her father thought it looked curious. He threw it from a window and it exploded, breaking windows for 30 yards. A 30-year-old woman has been arrested on a charge of having sent the bomb to Denise. She is said to be jealous of her.

TRUMAN TRICK

Washington.—President Truman sent an apple to every Senator in Congress from a box of super fruit presented to him. He wisecracked: "I am reversing the procedure. This is a case of the teacher passing out the apples."

FOUR MARTINIS

Copenhagen.—The reflection of light by untold millions of ice crystals in the stratosphere over Denmark caused the phenomenal sight of three suns in the sky. In some places there appeared to be seven suns framed by four rainbows in reverse.

SOPHIE'S HOPS

Miami.—Sophie Tucker, famous American night club singer, was robbed of £12,000 worth of jewellery. She said: "I have a hunch my jewels will come back to me. I have always been 100 percent for the underdog."

RUSSIAN REVIVAL?

New York.—The U.S. Department of Commerce has granted a licence to export 10,000 Bibles in Russian for the use of the Russian Army of Occupation in Germany. This will be an international final round, and the ultimate winner will be crowned World Olympic Chess Team Champion for 1948-49.

One evening a German youth, spotting my American uniform, opened a conversation.

"I must see you—but the OGPU (former title of the Russian secret police) watches us. There is a war on Germany between Russia and America now," he whispered over the orchestra music. He did not appear at the rendezvous next day.

Germans in the Russian zone appear to be eating as well as those in the American zone. Officials at Waren emphasised that ration cards were being fully honoured. They said the shortages in November and December had been made up. Townspeople, however, said they had been short on their potato rations for several months.

Land Reform

Land reform, designed to divide land and smash the Prussian Junker grip on North Germany, has already split up hundreds of large estates into thousands of small farms of 20 to 30 acres. Some people are enthusiastic. Many others are convinced the farms are too small to produce economically.

The trip included two days in Waren, two more in Stralsund and a stop at Neurandenburg. Several towns, including Prenzlau, the rocket experiment station, Oranienburg, where a large internment camp is maintained, and Rostock were eliminated by the Russians from the requested tour.

In the towns visited, correspondents were free to roam at will, talking to pedestrians, shopkeepers and city officials. The two Russian escort officers from Berlin did not interfere in any way.—United Press.

DICKENS MSS SALE OPPOSED

The manuscript of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations" is in the news.

The Wilsbach Museum, Cambridge, is seeking permission to sell it to raise badly-needed funds. A British collector is ready to buy it to prevent its going to the United States. Another Briton wants to stop its sale entirely. And the makers of the film "Great Expectations" want to borrow it for publicity in America.

The manuscript was bequeathed to the Wilsbach Museum in 1863 by the Rev. C. H. Townsend, who got it from a friend of Dickens, "for the benefit of the town and neighbourhood of Wilsbach." A condition of the bequest was that it should not be sold or exchanged.

The producers of the film of "Great Expectations" have suggested that the museum committee might lend the manuscript for exhibition in America when the film is shown there. Meanwhile, however, the museum is seeking permission from the charity commissioners to sell the document which has been valued as high as £10,000.

To prevent the manuscript going to an American, a British collector is reported to have considered making an offer for it with a view to presenting it to the Dickens Fellowship.

At the same time, C. J. Phillips, of Fort Lorraine, Chertsey, Surrey, has threatened to issue a writ against the museum authorities if they proceed with the sale.—Associated Press.

CHESS GAME TO FINISH NEXT YEAR

L. E. Moore of St Louis and L. Bauza of Montevideo have locked horns in an international chess match. Along about the early part of 1948 they expect to know who won.

In addition, Moore is tangling with chess players in Peru, Argentina, Brazil and North America, but he won't know the results of those four matches until a little later next year.

Moore is a member of the International Correspondence Chess Association, and the group is now engaged in a world Olympiad between 30 nations—all conducted by mail.

Six-man teams have been chosen to represent each nation, with each player on the teams being numbered. These teams are divided into groups of seven teams each.

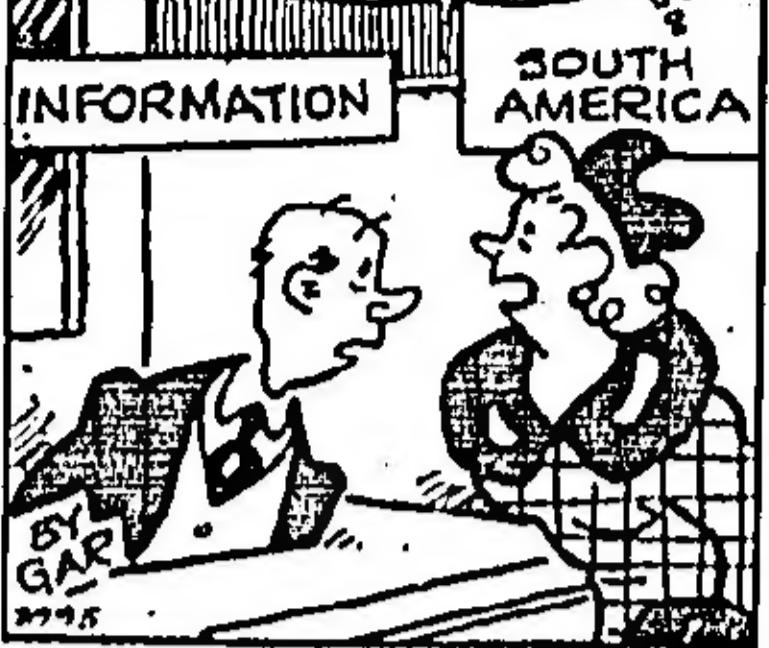
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The No. 1 player of each group engages the No. 1 player of each of the other teams in his group. The No. 2 men play each other. Communication between players is by mail, players using the numerical code adopted by the International Association.

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POLICE WOMEN
—BUT WOMEN

Thirteen women who took advantage of a woman's prerogative to fib about her age have found themselves without jobs as a result, says United Press.

The women, all probationary police women, were dismissed from the force for truancy a few years ago.

When they took the civil service examination, each said she was

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under 40, the maximum age for police women. But an investigation by the City Civil Service Commission disclosed that

Wants Bengal To Be Independent

New Delhi, Apr. 27.
Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Premier of Bengal province and member of the Moslem League, today answered Hindu and Moslem demands that India's most populous province be split on religious lines with the proposal that Bengal instead be proclaimed an independent state.

"I want a united Bengal in divided India," Mr. Suhrawardy said.

He denied that his proposal ran counter to the Moslems' view of Pakistan, and said an independent Bengal would be free to join Hindustan or Pakistan or retain its independent status.—United Press.

NEW BRITISH TRADE PACT WITH POLAND

New York, Apr. 27.
A British broadcast today officially announced that Britain and Poland had concluded a three-year trade agreement.

The broadcast, which was heard in New York by the National Broadcasting Company, said the agreement would be formally approved in May.

The terms provide that Poland will export to Britain about £23,000,000 worth of goods, of which will be food and 250,000 tons of coal.

The coal will be used by British ships sailing in the Baltic.

In return Britain will export £35,000,000 worth of goods to Poland. Most of it will be machinery.

The broadcast said the agreement is to last three years at Poland's request to dovetail with the Polish three year economic plan.—Associated Press.

STILL ON THE SECRET LIST

Manchester, Apr. 27.
Mr. George Turton, Vice-President of the Chemical Workers' Union, came to Manchester last night to tell the health authorities why he believed atom research workers were becoming sterile, but said he had forgotten about Britain's Official Secrets Act.

"It is still on the secret list," he told a health meeting. "Just before I came here, I received a letter telling me to use the utmost discretion in dealing with this matter."

Mr. Turton said he had wanted to talk on "atomic sickness" which a few days ago he said was causing sterility among workers.

"My Union is making intensive inquiry into sickness cases arising from radioactivity. I cannot say what they are. I wish I could. I cannot say where they come from. It is a riddle, and not a name."

"But some people who are experimenting with these radio substances shall be experimenting with the reaction of these things on the human body. We have received notification of quite a number of cases,"—United Press.

Wodehouse In America

New York, Apr. 27.
P. G. Wodehouse, the British novelist who drew criticism for his German sponsored broadcasts after his internment in France during the war, arrived in New York on Saturday night. He was accompanied by his wife.

He said that he planned to remain in the United States for some time writing plays and books. One of his plays, he added, was being considered by a Hollywood producer.

Another arrival, Miss Mary Martin, had just spent eight months starring in the musical comedy "Pacific 1800" in London.

She told reporters: "In spite of all crises, I could go back tomorrow even knowing what we know about living conditions there. I think the people are more important than the weather, and I simply love them over there."—Associated Press.

PEILING LABOUR PROTEST

Peiping, Apr. 27.
Labour representatives of state-owned factories and utilities in Tientsin have passed a resolution to fight the enactment of a recent proposal to outlaw strikes in government enterprises, according to the Peiping Human Rights Commission.

The proposal, the paper said, was made recently to the Legislative Yuan.

The labour meeting, held in the Tientsin Kuomintang headquarters, set up a committee to draft a programme of protest to government offices, and to press for similar labour action in other parts of the country.—United Press.

Plane For Bevin

London, Apr. 27.
A special aircraft was sent from London today to pick up Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, in Berlin. He is expected to arrive back in London on Monday afternoon.—Reuter.

Russians Are Taking Two-thirds Of Thuringia Production

London, Apr. 27.

An estimate that altogether two-thirds of the current industrial production in Russian-occupied Thuringia is being used either for the occupation forces or for reparations was given today to a Reuter correspondent by Dr. Helmut Kuelz, Minister of Justice for Thuringia.

Dr. Kuelz, a member of the National Executive of the German Liberal Democratic Party and a son of Wilhelm Kuelz, came to Britain for last week's International Liberal Conference at Oxford.

Vanished After Losing Election

Sydney, Apr. 26.

The police have resumed inquiries into the disappearance of an Australian Member of Parliament, Frederick McDonald, who vanished 22 years ago after a bitterly contested election campaign against a man now under sentence of death for murder in Britain.

The condemned man is Thomas John Ley, former New South Wales Minister of Justice, who is due to hang on May 8 for what has become known as the "Chalk Pit Murder"—the killing of 35-year-old John Mudie, whose body was found in a chalk pit. During the trial at London's Old Bailey, the prosecution said that Ley was "madly jealous" of Mudie over a woman.

McDonald has never been seen since leaving his Sydney hotel after lunch on April 15, 1925, immediately following his defeat by Ley in the election for the Barton district.

The police are now inquiring into a letter alleged to have been written by Ley in 1928 to the then Commissioner of Police, stating that a certain constable named King had said that McDonald was in the United States, where he was prospering.

The police did not pursue investigations at the time because King had died shortly before the letter was written and no one else could be found who had heard of his statement.—Reuter.

Homer Saved His Life

New York, Apr. 27.

The former home-run king, Babe Ruth, had a reunion today with a hero-worshipping boy, now grown up, whose life he was credited with saving 21 years ago by hitting three home runs in the fourth game of the 1926 World Series.

Johnny Sylvester, then 11 and suffering from a spinal infection that caused specialists to give up hope, asked for a baseball autographed by Babe and said he would like to see him hit a Homer.

Babe Ruth sent two balls autographed by baseball stars, and the promise of a home run. He made good in triple fashion.

Johnny recovered rapidly and physicians said Babe Ruth had done it.

Today John Sylvester, 23, married a Princeton University graduate, a former naval officer and now a business executive, called with his wife at Ruth's apartment.—Associated Press.

More Communal Incidents

Calcutta, Apr. 27.

The police fired four rounds today in Calcutta where 18 communal incidents were reported, the Bengal Government said today. Three people were killed and 14 injured as a result of these incidents, which included five cases of bomb throwing.

A 24-hour curfew has been imposed in the Taltala area which was the worst affected in the disturbances in Howrah, a 17½ hour curfew was imposed, following five incidents in which firearms and bombs were used.

A 24-hour curfew was imposed throughout Calcutta, an industrial city in the United Provinces, in which seven have been killed so far as is known at present, at Peshawar.

The conference will also deal with the question of access to forests with which there are adequate transport connections, as in Brazil and Siberia.—Reuter.

ECKNER TO DO RESEARCH

Hamburg, Apr. 27.

Dr. Hugo Eckner, former chief of the Zeppelin works, left today for America, according to the German News Service in the British Zone.

Dr. Eckner is one of 1,000 scientists selected for research in the United States.—Reuter.

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Hints Motor Industry May Be Nationalised

Coventry, Apr. 27.

Richard Crossman, Leftist writer and Labour Member of Parliament, predicted today that the government will some day control British motor manufacture.

"When coal, electricity and steel are nationalised, we shall have the basis for controlling the motor car industry," he declared.

Crossman said in a speech in this car manufacturing centre: "We shall have a fine lever for seeing that the car industry reorganise itself; alternately, we shall have to do it for them."—Associated Press.

STASSEN A LEFTIST AMONG REPUBLICANS

London, Apr. 27.

Captain Harold Stassen, Republican presidential aspirant, headed homeward today for a series of political speeches after first hand inspection of the political and economic conditions in 17 European countries.

Italy Seeks Return Of Colonies

Rome, Apr. 27.

Former Premier Ivanoe Bonomi said today that Italians must examine coldly the conditions of the peace treaty "to discover which of these could be usefully modified" and see what new relations could be developed between the "Italy of the future and her judges of today."

Speaking at the first of a series of lectures on the peace treaty, sponsored by the Italian Centre of International Reconstruction, Bonomi said this did not mean acceptance of accomplished fact and "mutilations" of national territory.

Confused And Paradoxical

"The impression received from Capt. Stassen at off-the-record and on-the-record talks leads to one certain conclusion: he is far to the right of Mr. Wallace but slightly left of the present leaders of the Republican party."

In comparison of Mr. Wallace and Capt. Stassen, Reynolds News said: "Stassen is a politician. Wallace is a man of ideals. Stassen is confused and paradoxical. He speaks of high food prices in Europe as the result of shortages and scarcity, but cannot satisfactorily explain the cause of high food prices in the United States where food is in abundance."

The paper said that Capt. Stassen "perhaps was frightened by the Congressional reaction to the speeches of Henry Wallace" and thus refused while abroad to comment on any aspect of American foreign policy.—United Press.

Old Conception Gone

Bonomi said Italy was examining the colonial problem under a new aspect, because "the old colonial conception has vanished forever."

He said the new Italian colonial policy called for guiding of native populations and leading them gradually to self-government.

The Italians have given ample proof of their colonising abilities in Africa," Bonomi said, "and it would be foolish to remove them from the civilising activity already initiated.

It is necessary, in coming to decisions on the future administration of Italian colonies, for energetic and expanding peoples to safeguard common interests and extend human labour against the fatal immobility and inertia of the desert."

Bonomi touched also on three other problems—Trieste and Istria, the military clauses of the treaty, and the economic problem, all of which the Italian Centre of International Reconstruction is examining in a series of lectures on the peace treaty.

Pre-Fascist Colonies

Riccardo Astuto, former governor of the Italian colony of Eritrea, said that since the Atlantic Charter said the conquerors did not wish territorial aggrandizement, Italy had a right to trusteeship of her pre-Fascist colonies.

"Italy also has a right to her pre-Fascist colonies because 20,000 are still living in Libya, Eritrea and Somaliland," Astuto said, "because Italian capital was poured into those territories and Italian labour enriched them."

He reiterated Premier de Gasperi's oft-repeated promise that Italy was ready to give independence to the natives.

Astuto emphasised Italy's need of her colonies as an outlet for her population and for future strategic function in the Eastern Mediterranean as bases for covering the Dardanelles.—United Press.

He said that in France he was received sympathetically in political circles all the way from the Left to the Right.—Associated Press.

2,000 Stevedores To Strike

London, Apr. 29.

Approximately 2,000 London stevedores and lightermen voted on Sunday to strike immediately in support of a six weeks old walkout of waterfront dockers.

Port of London officials said their action might affect the loading and unloading of about 60 ships some carrying perishable foodstuffs.

Those who voted in favour of the sympathy strike were not affiliated with the dockers section of the Transport and General Workers Union which voted against a general London walkout.

Glasgow strikers are protesting against the dismissal of several hundred workers on ground of redundancy.—Associated Press.

PRINCE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Milan, Apr. 27.

Prince Giulio Di Vittorio of Naples died soon after being taken to a hospital in Venice yesterday, it was reported here today.

He was stated to have taken a strong sleeping draught at his hotel. He left a letter, the contents of which the police declined to disclose.

Prince Giulio was 51.—Reuter.

27,000 JAPS STILL IN BURMA

Rangoon, Apr. 27.

Japanese surrendered personnel still waiting repatriation from Burma total 27,000, according to local press reports today.

They will be sent to Japan by the end of May, the reports added.

Most of the surrendered personnel

are helping in rehabilitation and construction projects, and a scheme

now being worked out to replace

Japanese prisoners with Burmese labour.—Reuter.

Peace Treaty May Be Signed Without Russia

Tokyo, Apr. 27.

Allied and Japanese officials alike are awaiting with keen interest Secretary of State Gen. George C. Marshall's report to the American people on the Moscow conference, which is generally considered here to have been a failure.

While Japan was not a topic of discussion at Moscow, it is presumed that failure to reach an agreement on Europe, peace treaties and other fields of relations between the United States and Britain, on one hand, and the Soviet Union on the other, will be reflected in this part of the world.

Most Japanese and many Allied officials here hope the United States now will take strong leadership in effecting immediate settlement of the reparations question, which has kept Japanese economy in a state of acute uncertainty ever since VJ-Day, and the opening of negotiations for a peace treaty.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has repeatedly made known his views that both the reparations and peace treaty questions should be settled forthwith so that the "strangling economic blockade" of Japan which the Allies have enforced can be lifted.

The action closing down some 16 publications came a few days after Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, announced the lifting of all military and political censorship.

A French official said Hoach's action is a "real affront" to the High Commissioner and added that Hoach should not forget that his government has not a legal existence yet.

The official reason for suspension was given as "the present circumstances."

Christians Principles

The hope here is that a single treaty can be signed, but it is realised that Russia and some other nations may reject Gen. MacArthur's thesis that "Christian principles" should dominate the negotiations and insist upon terms which would be impossible for the United States, Britain and other of the Allies.

If Russia proves intransigent, it is likely the American authorities here will recommend that the other Allies go ahead and sign a treaty without the Soviet Union.

The feeling against the Russians here by many of the other Allies, especially the United States and China, always has verged on bitterness, since it is felt that Russia kept out of the war against Japan so long as there was any chance that she might suffer losses, and then demanded unjustified concessions for the few days of fighting in which the Soviet forces participated.

Russia made virtually no direct contribution to the defeat of Japan, it is felt, yet she obtained vast benefits—a preferred position in Manchuria where her armed forces removed Japanese equipment valued at hundreds of millions of dollars; full territorial control over southern Sakhalin Island and the Kurile Islands and, at least temporarily, control over northern Korea.—Associated Press.

INDIA WINS AT TENNIS

Brussels, Apr. 27.

When the international tennis match between India and Belgium resumed today, Ghans Mahomed, of India, beat Jacques Peten, of Belgium, 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. India thus won the match by four rubbers to three.